

REMARKS

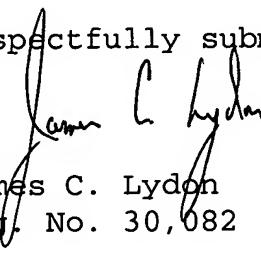
This Preliminary Amendment amends claims 1-10 and presents a new abstract. The changes to the claims delete multiple dependencies and drawing reference numerals, and otherwise conform the claims more closely to U.S. practice. The substitute abstract is based on the PCT abstract. Claims 1-10 are pending.

An Information Disclosure Statement is attached.

It is not believed any fee is required for entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1258 in the amount of any such required fee.

Prompt and favorable examination of the application are earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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Substitute Abstract
Information Disclosure Statement